

# The Caledonian Mercury.

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*The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lords  
Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, the  
20th of January 1725-6.*

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to return Your Majesty our most hearty Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne; and with Hearts full of inexpressible Joy, to congratulate Your Majesty on Your happy Return in Safety to Your Kingdom.

We cannot, without the highest Satisfaction, reflect upon your Majesty's Concern for the distressed Protestant Brethren abroad; our most zealous Endeavours shall never be wanting, that your Majesty's pious Interposition for them may produce the most desired Effects.

We thankfully acknowledge your Majesty's exceeding Goodness and Condescension in acquainting us with the Defensive Alliance lately made by your Majesty, for preventing the ill Consequences, which might otherwise attend the Negotiations and Engagements entered into by other Potentates, to the apparent Prejudice of this Kingdom; and for your Majesty's gracious Assurance, that it should be soon laid before us. Nothing can be more vain than for any Foreign Powers to entertain the Hopes of rendering themselves formidable to Britain; your Majesty having strengthened your self by such Powerful Alliances, the Resolution and Fidelity of your Subjects being so well known, and the late Marks of their Valour not yet worn out. We most humbly entreat your Majesty to believe, that our Lives are not dearer to us than your Majesty's Honour; and that your Majesty may at all Times, with certainty, depend upon our strongest Efforts, to maintain and Defend it against all Powers whatsoever, who can so far delude themselves, as to imagine, that they may with Safety insult or menace the British Crown or Nation.

It is no Surprise to us, that the Enemies to your Majesty's Person and Government, are labouring to disturb the Peace of this Kingdom, if they

can flatter themselves with the Prospect of any new Troubles or Commotions in Europe.

We can easily believe, that at such a Juncture, new Schemes and Solicitations are daily making, by the most profligate and abandoned of them, to revive the expiring Cause of the Pretender; all which, we assure our selves, can have no other Effect, than to hasten his Destruction, and the utter Ruin of all his perjured Adherents.

Your Majesty's constant and unwearied Endeavours to perpetuate to us the Blessings of that happy Tranquillity we now enjoy, and to maintain the general Peace and Balance of Europe, to preserve the Trade of this Nation, and to secure to your People the many valuable Rights and Privileges, to which they are entitled by the most solemn Treaties; oblige us to all imaginable Returns of Duty and Gratitude, and leave us no Room to doubt, when we consider the prudent Measures your Majesty has taken for attaining those great Ends, but that all your Majesty's Endeavours will, by the Blessing of God thereupon, notwithstanding any Attempts to the contrary, be crowned with Success.

*His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.*

*My Lords,*

I Heartily thank you for this very affectionate and Loyal Address; the World may be convinced by it, how fixed and immovable all your Purposes and Resolutions are to maintain my Honour, and promote the true Interest of your Country; you may be assured of my constant Endeavours to support the Protestant Religion; to preserve the Peace and Balance of Europe, to prevent any Encroachment on the Trade of my Subjects, and on all Occasions to increase their Happiness.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, Jan. 22.*

*The Address from Sandwich, viz.*

Permit us most gracious Sovereign (having already returned to Almighty God our unfeigned Thanks for the Preservation of your most Sacred Person in the late dreadful Tempest) to offer unto your Majesty, our most hearty Congratulations on your safe Arrival in these your Dominions.

As the Sense was very great, which we on the Sea Coast, in a particular Manner have had of the Danger to which

Yours

your Majesty has been exposed; so now is our Joy exceeding great, at your Majesty's Deliverance.

Last Thursday the Commons had some Debates about wording their Address; in which Mr. Hungerford, among several others, said, That he believed the whole Nation could not but be very joyful at the News of the King's safe Arrival here, after an Absence of *Seven Months*. Mr. Shippen, Mr. Pultney, and Mr. Windham of Norfolk also spoke in the Debate, and were answered by the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, Lord Finch and Sir Rob. Sutton; and the Address was agreed to without any Alteration.

The Negotiations and Engagements entred into by some Foreign Powers, seem to fill the Minds of many with no small Apprehensions. S. S. Stock fell Yesterday to 111. But his Majesty, in his Speech, takes notice, That the Nation is strengthened and supported by prudent and powerful Allies---&c.

There were some Debates about wording the Address of the Lords, in answer to that Part of the Speech, which relates to the Concurrence of the States General to the Defensive Alliance: Whereupon the Lord Townshend said, that an Express was arrived that Morning with News that several of the Provinces of Holland had resolved to accede.

Yesterday the Commons ordered an Account to be laid before them, of the annual Produce of the Land-tax from March 1719 to March 1724, with the yearly Deficiencies; as also the Produce of the Malt-tax from June 1719 to June 1724. Mr. Pultney moved for these Accompts; and this Day it was ordered, That an Account be laid before the House, of what Moneys had been paid upon the Land-tax for the present Year.

There are odd Reports buzz'd about, which we think not fit to mention till better Authority--- Recruits are ordered for Gibraltar and Portmahon.

There are great Floods at Tameworth in Staffordshire; and we have sad Accounts from Newark of an Inundation there, the River Trent having broke its Banks.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 25.*

ON the 24th Inst. the States General having taken to Deliberation the Report of the Deputies for Foreign Affairs, relating to the Memorials of C. Coningseck, for dissuading their H. Mightinesses from acceding to the Treaty of Hanover, and inviting them into that of Vienna, came to several Resolutions, amongst which are the following:

That they can't but look on the Treaty of Hanover as purely defensive, and as having no Aim or Tendency to the Offence or Injury of any Person;

That as to their Accession to the Treaty of Vienna, their H. Mightinesses cannot yet declare themselves upon it; for that Treaty being founded upon the Quadruple Alliance, in which their H. Mightinesses have no Part; and besides, the Marine Treaty between their Imperial and Catholic Majesties, being to be considered as a Part or Sequel of that of Vienna, and containing Articles whereof their High Mightinesses highly complain, it does not appear it can be required of them to accede to such a Treaty, to their own Prejudice; That further, nothing would be more agreeable, than to have their Grievances in Commerce, which is the Stumbling-block, removed by proper Means.

The above Resolutions sufficiently shew, that the Treaty of Hanover will be acceded to by the States, who, as well as some other Powers, cannot, 'tis thought, reflect with any great Satisfaction on the Measures formerly taken, at the Expence of so much Blood and Treasure, to aggrandize the House of Austria; whose Aim now is, to make new Acquisitions, as is conjectured, upon the Rhine. 'Tis noted, that Alsatia is a very fine Country; but in that Case, 'tis probable to suppose that France will be powerfully assisted.

Yesterday the Commons resolved, That a Supply be granted to his Majesty for the Service of the Year 1726, and the House to be call'd over Febr. 14th.

Mr. Speaker reported the King's Answer to their Address, viz. "*Gentlemen*, I return you Thanks "for this dutiful and loyal Address. I make no "Doubt you will soon be sensible of the Good of "this seasonable Vigour and Resolution. You may "be assured I will make no Use of that Confidence "you repose in me, but for preserving to us the "Blessings of Peace, and for promoting the Honour and Interest of this Nation."

This Day the Commons ordered an Address to his Majesty, to give Directions to the proper Officers to lay before the House the usual Estimates for the Land-service for the Year 1726: Also an Account of the neat Produce of the Tax upon Papists; how many Exchequer-bills, created in Pur-suance of that Tax, have been paid off by the Sinking-fund; and what Interest have been paid thereon, and what has been discharged of making out these Bills, and attending the Execution thereof, and by what Fund the Charge has been defrayed.

'Tis talked, that 30 Sail of Men of War will be fitted out: A sufficient Number, no doubt, to dis-appoint the Enemies to his Majesty's Government, and, one would think, entirely free the Minds of the

the People; tho' S. S. continues at 111 per Cent.

They talk at Warsaw, that an anonymous Letter has been sent to the King, and that thereupon the Guards of the Court were reinforced.

The Turks, 'tis said, have taken Ispahan, the Capital of Persia.

The Officers of the Imperial Army have Orders to raise Recruits wherever they can get them.

A great many Seamen have been impressed this Day, at Wapping, Limehouse, Shadwell, &c.

The Count de Palmes is come hither, as the Emperor's Agent, in the Room of Baron Hoffman, deceased. Last Night John Trevor, Esq; Usher of the Rolls, shot himself thro' the Head.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Jan. 27.*

**W**E are not yet positive, whether the Danes or Swedes will come into the Treaty of Hanover, but there are pretty good Grounds to believe, that the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, who has ordered eight Battalions and two Regiments of Horse to be in readiness to march at the first Warning, will accede to the Treaty, especially so far as relates to the redressing the Grievances of the Protestants, of whom divers Families, that some Time ago retired out of the Palatinate and other Countries, and settled themselves in Dependencies of Temeswaer and Belgrade, have made Complaints that they are already disturbed in the Exercise of their Religion.

The Poles are still averse to the Terms proposed for accommodating the Grievances of the Protestants of that Kingdom: Mean Time we are told from Berlin, That all the King of Prussia's Army are in a readiness to march, that his Majesty continues stedfast in his Resolution of sending an Army into Polish Prussia, in case his Minister, who was lately sent to Warsaw, cannot obtain a Categorical and satisfying Answer upon his Majesty's last Proposals. On the other Hand 'tis advised, That the Turks have resolved, in a Grand Divan held at Constantinople, to declare War against Poland and Russia; which if true, will no Doubt very much contribute towards giving a Check to the ambitious Views of those who are endeavouring to render themselves formidable, and creat new Troubles in Europe.

Letters from Paris of the 30th Instant say, that there was to be a Promotion of Marshals of France, in which the Duke de Noailles, and the Marquis de Coigny, both Lieutenant Generals will be comprehended, and that it was discoursed that there would be an Augmentation of the French Army with 40,000 Men.

Such Preparations are carrying on by our Government, as, according to human Reason, cannot fail of answering the great Ends of preserving the Peace and Trade of this Nation, in all its most valuable Branches; for notwithstanding the Stocks continue to fall, viz. S. Sea to 110 per Cent. they are extremely busy at the Admiralty putting Ships in Commission, and appointing Officers in Commission. The 18 Guard Ships stationed at Sheerness, Portsmouth, Chatham and other Places, are ordered to compleat their whole Number of Men, and besides those, 13 others, and two Fire-Ships are put in Commission: What the whole Number of Ships will be is not yet certain, however 'tis the Opinion of many that three Squadrons will be set out early in the Spring, viz. one to the West Indies, another to the Mediterranean, and a third to the Baltick, each to be commanded by an Admiral.

The Press for Seamen continues very hot, most of the Merchant-Ships in the River being cleared of their Men; and we suddenly expect to hear a Call made for the Watermen, of whom several Thousands may be spared. A Press-gang having the other Day taken one of the Harponiers belonging to the Greenland Ships, the Men resisted, and wounded the Lieutenant of the Gang so dangerously, that 'tis reported he is since dead.

The Commons Yesterday, in a grand Committee on the Supply, resolved, That 10000 Seamen be allowed for the Service of the Year 1726, beginning from the 1st of January; and that 4 Pounds per Month, per Man, be allowed for their Maintenance, including the Ordnance; which was this Day reported and agreed to by the House: Who read and referred a Petition of the City of York, praying Relief, to repair the Navigation of the River Owre, leading from the Mouth of the River Humber thro' the said City.

Under the present Jancture of Affairs, we have many Reports spread about the Town: But as to what has been rumoured of some *Misunderstanding with France*, the same cannot but be lookt upon as a mere Fiction and Contrivance of ill-affected Persons, in order thereby to affect the public Credit.

The Count de Broglie, the French Ambassador, is daily expected in Town; but 'tis not known when Count Staremberg, the Imperial Ambassador will arrive.

*From the Evening Post, Jan. 18.*

*Brussels, Jan. 28.* It has been resolved to erect Magazines in all the Garrisons of the Austrian Netherlands.



**No Foreign Mails this Post.***From the Post-Boy, Jan. 29.*

London, Jan. 29. We hear the following are the Guard Ships, ordered to get ready their Complement of Men, to complete the Squadron designed for his Majesty's Service, viz.

<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Captains.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Guns.</i>
Sandwich,	Morrice,	Second,	680	90
Cumberland,	Coleman,	Third,	520	80
Torbay,	Haddock,	Third,	520	80
Nassau,	Vanbrugh,	Third,	440	70
Yarmouth,	O-Brian,	Third,	440	70
Ispswich,	Balchen,	Third,	440	70
Northumberland,	Trevor,	Third,	440	70
Northingham,	W. Haddock,	Fourth,	365	60
Rippon,	Pearce,	Fourth,	365	60
Plymouth,	Mann,	Fourth,	365	60
Dunkirk,	Hume,	Fourth,	365	60
Superbe,	Field,	Fourth,	365	60

We hear that this Squadron is to be commanded by the following Admirals, viz. Sir John Norris Knight, Francis Holier, and Edward Hopson, Esqs;

Yesterday S. S. Stock, 108. Annuities 98. Bank 123. Yorkbuildings 12, 3 4ths.

**ADVERTISEMENT.**

††† That there is to be exposed to Sale by publick voluntary Roup, jointly or severally, by Warrant of Mr. Charles Erskine, his Majesty's Solicitor, and Mr. Robert Craigie Advocates, Arbiters named for that Effect by the Proprietors of the Lands and others underwritten, upon Monday the 7th of February next, betwix the Hours of three and five and in the Afternoon, within John's Coffee-house in Edinburgh; The Lands and Estate of Peppermill, lying within two Miles to the South East of Edinburgh, comprehending the Mill-Lands and Mill thereof with the Maltures, and two large Parks enclosed with Stone Dikes built with Lime, with the Fieids of the said Lands: And a Brewery and Brewing Looms, consisting of a Copper, two Coolers, a big Tun, and a Flott for tunning the Ale, Well-Chains and Buckers, a big Masking Fat, Wortstone, Cooler, little Tun and Pump, with the Malt and Corn Kilns, two Cobles, Millar's House, two Barns, and a Corn Barn, all in good Repair; as also a Superiority and Feu-duty of 12 L. all holding partly of the Crown, and partly of the Laird of Craigmillar, both Feu, for Payment of 14 L. 6 sh. 8 d. to the Crown, and 20 L. to Craigmillar, extending of yearly free Rent to 1695 L. 8 4 d. and 26 Fowls; with the Mansion house of Peppermill, consisting of 12 Fire-Rooms and Garrets, Office Houses, Pidgeon House, two Gardens and Planting, and a convenient Pew, and easy Access to it in Libertoun below the Pulpit; neither of which are valued in the said Rental: And likewise two Lodgings at the Head of the old Provost's Clois, the uppermost whereof presently posselt by the Lady Peppermill, payed yearly when let 17 L. sterl. and the lowermost pays yearly 23 L. sterl. with a laigh Houle in the said Clois, posselt by John Drummond Gard-

ner, which pays yearly 34 L. Scots; and a little Shop at 6 L. Scots, deducing from the said respective Rents the Sum of 9 L. 12 sh. 1 d. of yearly Ground-annual, payable forth thereof. And sikelike a laigh Shop on the East Side of the Stinking Stile in the Luckenbooths, posselt by John Walker Glover, at 42 L. Scots yearly. The Progress of Writs, Rentals and Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Charles Farquharson Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber, in the 4th Story of Gavinlock's Land.

N. B. The above Sale has been adjourned for several Dyets, formerly advertised, but now the same will proceed, all Things being adjust d.

††† These are to give Notice, That the Trustees and Managers of the Friendly Contribution, for Insurance against Fire, have resolved, That it shall be at the Opinion of all, who intend to enter into the said Insurance, to grant Bonds for their Capital Premium, bearing Interest from Martinmas last 1725, or in the former Methods.

\*\*\* The Lands and Estate of GRAITNEY, which were to have been Rouped the 7th of January a ft is Prorogate to Tomorrow the Fourth Febr. Inst. when the same will be exposed to Sale, betwix the Hours of three and four in the Afternoon, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Progress of Writs and Condition of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. James Baillie Writer to the Signet, at his Writing chamber above the Exchange Coffee-house.

\*†\* Signior Lorenzo Bocchi. has published an Opera of his own Composition by Subscription, containing twelve Sonatas or Solo's for different Instruments viz. a Violin, Flute, Violincello, Viola d'a Gamba, and Scots Cantata, with Instrumental Parts, after the Italian Manner, the Words by Mr. Ramsay; with a thorow Bass for the Harpicoord. The Subscribers may have their Copies, which are all ready at Mr. John Steel's, and are desired to call for the same at any Time before the 1st of March ensuing; and any Person that has not subscribed, may likewise be furnished, there being more Copies cast off than will serve the Subscribers.

†† By Order of the COMMISSIONERS of His Majesty's Customs. To be sold, by Inch of Candle, at the Customhouse of Leith, upon Tuesday the 22d of February Inst. sundry Parcels of Goods, brought to his Majesty's Warehouse for Security of the Duties, having lain there above 12 Months: viz. Sope, Starch, Pictures, Prints, Syrop of Maiden-hair, Spirits in small Bottles, and Pack-thread: The Sale to begin exactly at 12 a-clock, and the highest Bidder to be deem'd Purchaser; who is immediately to pay down to the Collector, for his Majesty's Use, the Money bid for the said Goods. Which Goods may be seen any Time before the Sale, and are to be set up separately.

†† That the COLD BATH belonging to the Royal College of Physicians being in good Order, is to be lett for one Year, or set by Tack for several Years, at a reasonable Rate. If any Body has a-mind for it, they may enquire at the Exchange-Coffee-house, for Dr. David Kinneer, present Treasurer of the said College.

†† There is a General Meeting of the Creditors of the deceased Sir David Thoirs of Raploch, Advocate, appointed to be at Edinburgh upon Monday the 7th of February Inst. at Three a clock of the Afternoon, in John's Coffee-house: Where the Creditors or their Doers are desired to be present several Matters of importance being to be laid before 'em,